

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 106

Approved March 7, 1980

WHEREAS, Persons of Irish birth and descent have made a significant contribution to the economic, cultural and political development of the City of Providence, and

WHEREAS, The Irish influence in Providence began with Nicholas Power of Drohega, Ireland, who was listed as a landowner on the East Side in the late seventeenth century, and

WHEREAS, The bulk of Irish immigration came in the wake of the Great Hunger which beset Ireland in the middle of the eighteenth century, and

WHEREAS, Saint Patrick who brought Christianity to Ireland in the fifty century A.D., has endured as a symbol of the religious and cultural bond between Irish Americans and their ancestral homeland, and

WHEREAS, The first celebration of the feast of Saint Patrick took place at the City Hotel in Providence in 1839, and

WHEREAS, Annual celebrations continued through the early part of the twentieth century, and

WHEREAS, In an attempt to revive this noble tradition, the Irish Council of Rhode Island and the City of Providence have scheduled a Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Providence on Saturday, March 15, 1980,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council extends to all who find ancestral or spiritual roots in that "Land of saints and scholars" an invitation to participate in the Saint Patrick's Day Parade of 1980.

IN CITY COUNCIL

MAR 6 1980

READ AND PASSED

Ralph Laingoli
PRES.

Rose M. Mendore
CLERK

APPROVED
Vincent J. Cianci
MAYOR

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